

CLAIMS

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1. A protective cover for a telephone having a keypad and a display, the cover comprising:

a keypad portion for covering the keypad of the telephone to protect the telephone at the keypad; and

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a display portion for covering the display of the telephone to protect the telephone at the display.

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2. The cover of claim 1 wherein the telephone further includes a sound pickup and the cover defines a pickup aperture therein to externally expose the pickup.

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3. The cover of claim 2 further defining a bottom aperture through which the telephone enters the cover when the cover is mounted thereto, the bottom aperture encompassing the pickup aperture.

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4. The cover of claim 1 wherein the telephone further includes an ear speaker and the cover defines a speaker aperture therein to externally expose the speaker.

5. The cover of claim 1 wherein the telephone further includes an external antenna connector and the cover defines an external antenna connector aperture therein to externally expose the external antenna connector.

6. The cover of claim 5 wherein the telephone further includes a holster knob and the external antenna connector aperture defined by the cover also externally exposes the holster knob.

5                    7.        The cover of claim 1 wherein the telephone further includes a  
power and communications connector and the cover defines a power and  
communications connector aperture therein to externally expose the power and  
communications connector.

10                    8.        The cover of claim 7 further defining a bottom aperture through which the telephone enters the cover when the cover is mounted thereto, the bottom aperture encompassing the power and communications connector aperture.

15                    9.        The cover of claim 1 wherein the telephone further includes a  
holster knob and the cover defines a holster knob aperture therein to externally  
expose the holster knob.

10. The cover of claim 1 wherein the telephone further includes  
20 an internal antenna nub and the cover defines an internal antenna nub aperture  
therein to externally expose the internal antenna nub.

11. The cover of claim 1 further including a securing device for securing the cover to the telephone in a repeatedly mountable and disengagable manner.

12. The cover of claim 11 wherein the securing device 40c includes a pair of wings that extend generally from either lateral side of the keypad portion and along sides of the mounted-to telephone, and a strap that interconnects distal ends of the wings at a rear face of the mounted-to telephone.

13. The cover of claim 12 wherein the wings and strap reside adjacent and define a bottom aperture through which the telephone enters the cover when the cover is mounted thereto.

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14. The cover of claim 12 wherein the securing device maintains an interference fit with the telephone when the cover is mounted thereto.

15. The cover of claim 12 wherein the strap is constructed from  
10 an elastic material.

16. The cover of claim 1 formed from a single piece of a sheet of plastic.

15                    17.    The cover of claim 16 comprising a bottom zone including the keypad portion and defining one longitudinal end of the piece, a back zone defining the other longitudinal end of the piece, and a top zone between the top zone and back zone and including the display portion.

18. The cover of claim 17 further comprising two lateral extensions on each lateral side of the piece, one pair of the extensions being on either lateral side of the top zone and the other pair of the extensions being on either lateral side of the back zone, the piece being folded along a generally transverse line between the top zone and back zone such that the respective lateral extensions 46c on each lateral side encounter one another, the encountering extensions being secured to one another and thus running generally along sides of the telephone when the cover is mounted thereto.

19. The cover of claim 18 wherein the fold runs generally along a  
30 top face of the telephone when the cover is mounted thereto.

20. The cover of claim 17 further including a securing device for securing the cover to the telephone, the securing device including a pair of wings that extend generally from either lateral side of the keypad portion and along  
5 sides of the mounted-to telephone, and a strap that interconnects distal ends of the wings at a rear face of the mounted-to telephone, wherein the bottom zone includes the wings of the securing device.

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